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VISIT TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL BY AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD

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1. ALTHOUGH I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO BRIEF GOS OFFICIALS AT A TIME WHEN AMBASSADOR RIVERO IS IN MADRID, OTHER COMMITMENTS UNFORTUNATELY PRECLUDE A VISIT BEFORE JUNE 27. I APPRECIATE OFFER TO ARRANGE VISITS TO ROTA AND ZARAGOZA.

2. I APPRECIATE REASONS FOR AMBASSADOR SCOTT'S SUGGESTION THAT I BEGIN WITH VISIT TO LISBON. HOWEVER, SINCE GOS WILL ALREADY HAVE WAITED A WEEK FOR CUSTOMARY BRIEFING ON NAC MINISTERIAL, AT WHICH PORTUGAL WILL BE REPRESENTED, I FEEL I SHOULD PROBABLY BEGIN WITH MADRID VISIT.

3. MY THOUGHT IS TO LEAVE BRUSSELS IN EARLY MORNING OF JUNE 27,
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HOLD BRIEFING SESSION WITH GOS OFFICIALS IN MORNING, AND TO CONTINUE TO ROTA AFTER LUNCH. IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO COMPLETE ROTA BRIEFING IN TIME TO PERMIT ONWARD FLIGHT TO LISBON IN EVENING.

4. IF ABOVE CAN BE ARRANGED, I WOULD THEN SPEND JUNE 28 IN LISBON, WITH CALLS AT IBERLANT AND WITH PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS.

5. TO COMPLETE CIRCUIT, I COULD PERHAPS RETURN TO SPAIN FOR A VISIT TO ZARAGOZA ON MORNING OF JUNE 29, WITH RETURN TO BRUSSELS THAT AFTERNOON.

6. BEFORE WORKING OUT DETAILS, I WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS OF EMBASSIES MADRID AND LISBON AS TO WHETHER THIS ROUGH SCHEDULE IS CONVENIENT. RUMSFELD

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